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# SPECIAL PROGRAMS TO BE OFFERED AT THE **JACKSON HOLE & GREATER YELLOWSTONE VISITOR CENTER IN JACKSON**

Three special programs will be offered this weekend at the Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center, located at 532 N. Cache Street in Jackson. The programs will be presented by Jerry Springer from Midway, Utah. Springer spent two seasons with the U.S. Forest Service in the 1960s on the Inyo National Forest and worked as a history teacher and vocational counselor for over 30 years. His programs focus on the history of the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service and are free of charge. The programs include:

### THE STETSON ERA OF THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE

Friday, August 18 at 2:00 PM

Go on a historical journey through the "Stetson Era" of the U.S. Forest Service. This colorful era, spanning 1905-1945, is named for the official hat all forest rangers wear.

### THE WESTERN ART OF JOHN CLYMER

Saturday, August 19 at 11:00 AM

Learn about the history and artwork of highly successful American West artist, John Clymer. During his long artistic career, Clymer developed a highly effective process for painting the history of the American West through people and wildlife.

## PLACES EXTRAORDINARY

Sunday, August 20 at 11:00 AM

Take a tour through the photographic beauty of Grand Teton National Park. Through the efforts of early park superintendents and world famous photographers, a priceless artistic legacy exists for us to enjoy today.

A special children's program will also be held on Monday, August 21 at 2:00 PM. The program, entitled "Hug-A-Tree" will be led by Wyoming K-9 Search and Rescue volunteer Amanda Soliday, along with her two golden retrievers Haley and Roscoe. The Hug-A-Tree program teaches participants strategies to use if they are lost in the woods and includes a demonstration by the search and rescue dogs.

For more information on these programs or other events at the Jackson Hole & Greater Yellowstone Visitor Center, please call 307/739-9322.

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